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Perry's Catalogue

SELECT STRAWBERRY PLANTS

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

ASPARAGUS AND RHUBARB ROOTS



BASIL PERRY

GEORGETOWN

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DELAWARE

Description of Varieties

PREMIER. The best and most popular early variety ever introduced. Every grower in the northern half of the country east of the Dakotas has heard of it and more growers plant it than any other variety. In fact it is so well known that it hardly seems necessary to give a description of it. Suffice to say it is outstanding in its ability to yield big crops of fine, medium to large, bright red berries every year. It blooms profusely and blossoms are protected by leaves and has never had a crop failure since it was introduced 32 years ago. A record unequalled by any other variety. So for good crop insurance, big yields and big profits you cannot do better than plant Premier.

HOWARD 17. This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

TEMPLE (Early) — Seldom does a New Introduction attain the immediate approval accorded the Temple. Large Size—Heavy Production—Excellent Quality and resistance to Red Stele combine to recommend it. Has been successfully grown and produced from Virginia to Canada with outstanding results. So far as a few years' trial has shown, Temple is adapted to nearly all of the Premier territory. It is nearly as early as Premier and has a long fruiting season.

DORSETT (Early) — Its bright red color and rich, delicious flavor always bring top market prices. Ripening early, with Premier, this variety rapidly came to the top in favor, and is well known and widely planted.

FAIRFAX (Early) — The quality berry. A favorite in quality and productiveness. Originated and introduced with Dorsett, now widely known and planted. The berries are exceptionally large all through the fruiting season, and very firm. Plant Fairfax for its superb flavor, large size and universal demand.

CATSKILL (Midseason) — An outstanding mid-season variety and the recognized leader in its season. The reason: It is the largest, most productive, and most profitable mid-season variety and a sure cropper. Plants are healthy, vigorous growers and make good fruiting beds. The berries are large, and run large to the end of the season; are bright red in color with a fine rich flavor; fully as firm or firmer than Premier. Catskill is unusually productive, growers often picking 10,000 quarts or more per acre, of large, marketable berries. Equally as good also for home gardens and local markets. Plant Catskill for more profit from your berry plantings.

ROBINSON (Scarlet Beauty), (Midseason) — With us the Robinson strawberry produces more plants than any other variety but individual plants are small. This does not affect the yield of berries for it will produce as large a berry as any other and will produce very good yields. It will do well on fairly light soils. It has a bright green hull and a glossy appearance.

BIG JOE (Midseason) — An old favorite, and until the introduction of Catskill, was the best mid-season variety. Many growers still plant it and say it is their best variety. Plants are strong growers and will make good fruiting beds. Fruit large to very large, with fine flavor; the big bright red berries, with their big green caps make an attractive package that brings top prices. Berries are moderately firm, being as good a shipper as Catskill and is equally good for fancy local markets or road side stands.

SPARKLE (Midseason) — A promising new variety from New Jersey. Plant growth is vigorous, dark green, making a good fruiting row. A very productive variety and as the name indicates the berries are smooth and shiny and of excellent quality. Berries run medium to large in size.

RED STAR (Very Late) — A new extremely late variety, originated by Dr. George Darrow of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Very large, firm, bright red berries, with good flavor. Vigorous grower, very productive. Red Star is recommended for all the northern states, and as far south as Virginia and west to Missouri. Red Star is really a great addition to the Strawberry variety list, filling a definite need for an extra late variety of very high quality.

NEW YORK (Midseason) — This is the sweetest strawberry grown. The plant is a vigorous grower, producing a moderate number of large, healthy plants. The berries are medium to large in size, dark red in color, but only moderately firm in texture. New York is a home garden berry. It is the only strawberry we know of that is sweet before it gets red. We have many calls for New York from those whose health does not permit them to eat berries which are in any way tart or acid in quality.

CORSICAN — This berry is exactly the same as New York.

OUR PLANTS ARE STATE INSPECTED AND FOUND FREE FROM DISEASE

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

MARY WASHINGTON. (The Best Variety). This is the best of the rust resistant strains and is the most widely used variety for home and market. The shoots are larger and grow more rapidly than other kinds. The stalks are very thick, and of an attractive deep green color with purple tops. Even the largest and thickest shoots of this variety are tender and delicious.

One year old Roots: 25 for \$1.40; 50 for \$2.25; 100 for \$3.60. Postpaid.

By Parcel Post or Express, purchaser to pay charges. 250 for \$6.80; 500 for \$10.00; 1000 for \$18.00.

Two year old Roots: 25 for \$2.00; 50 for \$3.50; 100 for \$5.60. Postpaid.

By Parcel Post or Express, purchaser to pay charges. 250 for \$10.00; 500 for \$16.00; 1000 for \$28.00.

RHUBARB ROOTS

MYATT'S LINNAEUS — The earliest and best variety. The stalks grow very large and often 2 inches wide, are light green and scarlet. Requires less sugar than other kinds. Prices of good strong roots — 40c each; 3 for \$1.00; 8 for \$2.25; Postpaid.

By Parcel Post or Express, purchaser to pay charges — 25 for \$6.00; 50 for \$10.00; 100 for \$18.00.

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS TELL US

GEORGE S. ROWELL, BEDFORD, OHIO — Writes: The Strawberry Plants arrived today. They are fine plants, well packed and in excellent condition, as was my order of last year. I have bought plants from seven different firms, but your plants have been the best, both in the condition in which they arrived and the way they bear heavy crops. It is a pleasure to know that you have plants from a grower which will return your money with profit.

JOHN A. ROY, WEST BARNET, VT. — Writes: The Strawberry Plants you sent me a few weeks ago arrived in excellent condition; every plant is growing.

PAUL D. STECKER, ALLENTOWN, PA. — Writes: The Strawberry Plants that I received from you last year were the most beautiful plants that I ever saw.

R. A. GLIDDEN, DEER PARK, N. Y. — Writes: The Gemzata Everbearing Strawberry Plants that I got from you last spring are the best I have ever seen. They are loaded with berries and the plants are good and rugged.

BURTON W. HARP, ONEIDA, N. Y. — Writes: We have bought plants from you many times in the past and liked them.

MRS. ISAIAH HEISLER, TAMAQUA, PA. — Writes: The Strawberry Plants we get from you are packed so neat; the plants were green as grass.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR, WESTWOOD, NEW JERSEY — Says: I have had very satisfactory results from the Strawberry Plants you have sent me.

MRS. JOHN AMBRISCO, JR., EBENSBURG, PA. — Writes: I was very well pleased with the Strawberry Plants which I got from you two years ago. They are very productive and the berries are large and very sweet.

PETER RICHARD, SUNCOOK, N. H. — Writes: Thanks many times for the shipment of Strawberry Plants. I received them May 24, got them in the ground right away and I have not lost one plant. They were in wonderful condition.

WILBUR E. PERRY, CHARLESTON, W. VA. — Writes: Never before in my many years of farming have I raised better berries than those from your wonderful plants.

EMMA B. HALL, REHOBOTH, MASS. — Writes: The Strawberry Plants arrived in fine shape and I am pleased and satisfied with them.

W. S. MACKEY, PERRY POINT, MARYLAND — Writes: Received the Strawberry Plants in fine condition and they are excellent plants. Have recommended you to several others.

EARL W. QUILLMAN, FLEETWOOD, PA. — Writes: I have had very good results with your plants and would recommend them to anyone.

BASIL PERRY, Georgetown, Delaware

Fall or Everbearing Strawberries

Everbearing strawberries have long since ceased to be just a novelty and have an accepted place in berry growing. They bear two crops each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Everbearers will fruit the fall of the year they are set. Keep the blossoms cut off until about July 10 and you can enjoy luscious berries from August until the snow flies. Removing the early blossoms gives the plants a chance to make a vigorous growth before fruiting, resulting in more and larger berries in the fall.

SUPERFECTION (Everbearing) — Originated by Mr. Keplinger of Northern Michigan who discovered the famous Gem Everbearer. The berries are exceptionally large and round, red to the center with a sweet pleasing mellow flavor. They are firm, and will withstand shipment without losing their quality.

Delicious to eat fresh, canned, preserved in jams and jellies, as well as fresh frozen. Bears an abundance of large berries throughout late summer and fall season. The spring crop compares favorably with leading standard varieties.

We believe it is the best everbearer ever introduced, and think it will replace the others in popularity when it becomes more widely known. Made to order for the small gardener as well as the commercial planter, we consider this a mighty good variety and recommend that you plant them.

GEM (Everbearing) — One of the best Everbearers. Large, glossy, bright red, attractive berries whose very appearance sells them for top prices. Smooth and uniform in shape. Good quality. Slightly tart. A heavy yielder and prolific plant maker.

GEMZATA (Everbearing) — A new everbearing strawberry that challenges the Mastodon and Gem. Developed from a cross of the Gem and Wayzata it is a triumph in Strawberry plant breeding. It is a vigorous grower, foliage being resistant to leaf spot. The fruit resembles Gem but averages larger, it is firm and very high in quality. It seems to adapt itself to a wide range of soils and is very productive, setting berries almost constantly during the summer and fall months. It is truly a fine Everbearing berry and we recommend it for trial.

STREAMLINER (Everbearing) — Streamliner is probably receiving more publicity than any everbearing strawberry of recent introduction. Coming from the West it seems to be adapting itself to most central and eastern growing conditions. Plants seem vigorous and produce good spring crops and bear almost constantly during late summer and fall. Berries are medium to large, rich red color throughout, having a real strawberry flavor. Streamliner makes a good fruiting bed and we recommend it for trial.

BRUNES MARVEL (Everbearing) — This is another new variety of everbearing Strawberry that differs from all others in this way: For you folks who cannot eat other varieties of Strawberries, can eat this one. No acid, and about all sugar. This variety will not cause a rash like others do on some folks. It's really so sweet that no sugar is needed. Mild and smooth. Seeds are so small that they are hardly noticed. Berries are medium in size, deep red, somewhat elongated and wonderful to eat. We find that Bruner Marvel produces an excellent crop in June as well as in the fall.

The plants are medium sized with dark green foliage and produced in good numbers.

MASTODON (Everbearing) — The fruit is of very large size and has a good waxy appearance. Produces an abundance of fruit, continuing throughout the summer and fall.

OUR PLANTS ARE TRUE TO NAME

Price List of Strawberry Plants

By Parcel Post or Express
Purchaser to Pay Charges

— By Parcel Post Prepaid —

	25 Plants	50 Plants	100 Plants	200 Plants	500 Plants	1000 Plants	5000 Plants
— PREMIER or HOWARD 17	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$65.00
— CATSKILL	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	65.00
— TEMPLE	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	65.00
— ROBINSON	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	65.00
— SPARKLE	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	65.00
— FAIRFAX	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	70.00
— DORSETT	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	70.00
— BIG JOE	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	70.00
— NEW YORK or CORSICAN	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	70.00
— RED STAR	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	10.00		
— SUPERFECTION (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	7.00	14.00	25.00	
— GEMZATA (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	7.00	12.00	20.00	
— STREAMLINER (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	7.00	12.00	20.00	
— MASTODON (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	7.00	12.00	20.00	
— GEM (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	7.00	12.00	20.00	
— BRUNES MARVEL (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	7.00	12.00		

MY STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Are always grown in new beds,
Are fresh dug at time of shipment.
Are planted in blocks and kept pure,
Are sold at as low a price as we can name,
And furnish good plants.

Sweet Potato Plants

NANCY HALL — An old favorite of uniform excellence, yellow skin, meat, sweet and of amber yellow color.

PORTO RICO YAMS — A very popular variety. Deep orange flesh. Sweet, mellow and of fine flavor.

Price either variety—\$1.50 per 100; 200 for \$2.50; 500 for \$4.50; 1000 for \$8.00. Postpaid.

Terms—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

Our Prices—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

Our Stock is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE NURSERY CERTIFICATE

Dover, Del., October 3, 1950

This certifies that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article 1, Section 1 to 16 inclusive, Revised Code of Delaware, 1935, the nursery Stock of Basil Perry of Georgetown, Sussex County, Delaware, has been examined and is apparently free from dangerous, injurious insects and diseases. The above Company certifies that the nursery stock contained in this shipment was taken from the stock which passed inspection.

This Certificate is valid until September 30, 1951, unless revoked before that date.
W. R. HICKMAN, Inspector

Our plants are certified. A copy of our State Certificate accompanies every shipment.